

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-14 and 18-28, drawn to a method of detecting mild impaired glucose tolerance; and

Group II, claims 15-17, drawn to a method of eliminating glucose in a sample.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14 and 18-28.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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